

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ball joint comprising:
a housing with an opening portion;
a ball head portion rotatably housed in thissaid housing;
a ball stud ~~with~~ comprising:
 a stud portion provided in a protruding manner from saidthis ball head portion, and
 protruding from said opening portion; and
 a brim portion provided in a protruding manner on an outside surface of saidthis stud
 portion; and
 an elastic approximately pipe-formed dust cover inserted through said stud portion, provided
 across an outside surface of said housing and an outside surface of said stud portion so as to block
 said opening portion, ~~wherein~~ said dust cover comprising~~is provided with~~
 a first lip portion—~~which~~ is closely fitted in a manner urged toward a ball head
 portion-side end face of said brim portion; and
 a second lip portion which is closely fitted in a manner urged toward an outside
 surface of said brim portion.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The ball joint as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said~~the~~ first lip
portion is, ~~in a manner~~ urged toward a ball head portion-side end face of said~~the~~ brim portion, and
closely fitted ~~like a surface~~ to a part of said~~this~~ end face.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The ball joint as set forth in Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein
said~~the~~ second lip portion is, ~~in a manner~~ urged toward an outside surface of the brim portion, and
closely fitted ~~like a surface~~ to a part of said~~this~~ outside surface.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The ball joint as set forth in ~~any of Claim 1 through Claim 3~~, wherein said~~the~~ dust cover is provided with a pocket portion ~~provided between~~ said the first lip portion, said and second lip portion and said brim portion of said~~the~~ ball stud, retaining a lubricant member inside.

Claim 5 (new): The ball joint as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said second lip portion is urged toward an outside surface of the brim portion, and closely fitted to a part of said outside surface.

Claim 6 (new): The ball joint as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said dust cover is provided with a pocket portion between said first lip portion, said second lip portion and said brim portion of said ball stud, retaining a lubricant member inside.

Claim 7 (new): The ball joint as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said dust cover is provided with a pocket portion between said first lip portion, said second lip portion and said brim portion of said ball stud, retaining a lubricant member inside.

Claim 8 (new): The ball joint as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said dust cover is provided with a pocket portion between said first lip portion, said second lip portion and said brim portion of said ball stud, retaining a lubricant member inside.